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PLANNING DIRECTIVE NO. 34a

SUBJECT: Foreign Petroleum Developments

1. The Problem:

a. The Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Research and Intelligence submitted to the Director of Central Intelligence a memorandum dated 2 April 1946, recommending that the NIA initiate an interdepartmental program under which each federal agency requiring intelligence on foreign petroleum developments will have its requirements met by the agency or agencies possessing the facilities most suitable for producing such intelligence. The subject of the memorandum, "Intelligence on Foreign Industrial Establishments," was identical with that of an earlier memorandum, dated 14 March, which served as the basis for Planning Directive No. 34.

b. The only Planning Staff copy of the memorandum of 2 April was enclosed with the original of Planning Directive No. 33a for file in the Intelligence Branch.

c. The subject of foreign petroleum developments is one of several specific subjects which fall under the broad heading of foreign industrial establishments. Therefore, at this stage of planning, the problem raised by the memorandum of 2 April will be carried as subsidiary to the broader problem assigned by Planning Directive No. 34.

2. Planning Requirement:

The Information Branch will study the problem outlined in the memorandum of 2 April. In solving the requirement under Planning Directive No. 34, the Information Branch will give the subsidiary problem of petroleum developments as much priority as is consistent with priority which must be assigned to other important subjects.

3. Deadline:

An informal progress report will be submitted on 15 May.

FOR THE ACTING CHIEF, CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF:


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